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**MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Re: Application of Hiroshi HIGUCHI and Atsushi NANBA  
MULTI-PIECE SOLID GOLF BALL  
**Assignee: BRIDGESTONE SPORTS CO., LTD.**  
Our Ref: Q76677

Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Continuation-in-Part Application of pending prior Application No. 10/156,950 (Confirmation No. 5376) filed May 30, 2002 of Hiroshi HIGUCHI and Atsushi NANBA entitled MULTI-PIECE SOLID GOLF BALL.

Attached hereto is the Continuation-in-Part Application comprising the specification, including the claims and abstract.

The executed Declaration and Power of Attorney and the executed Assignment and PTO 1595 form and a Preliminary Amendment are submitted herewith.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	<u>5</u>	-	20	=		x	\$18.00	=	<u>\$0.00</u>
Independent claims	<u>1</u>	-	3	=		x	\$84.00	=	<u>\$0.00</u>
Base Fee									\$750.00
Assignment Fee									\$40.00
<b>TOTAL FEE</b>									<u><b>\$790.00</b></u>

A check for the statutory filing fee of \$790.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
JAPAN	2001-163238	May 30, 2001
UNITED KINGDOM	0212433.7	May 29, 2002

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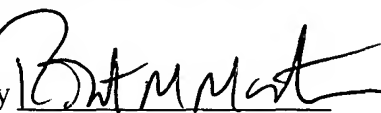
The priority documents were filed in parent Application No. 10/156,950.

The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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